യാൽ മലവക കൺസർവേറാറുമായി ഏഴുത്തുകുത്തു നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അനാവശ്യമായ കാലതാമസംകൂടാതെ സ്ഥലം അനുവദിക്കുന്നതാണു്.

Exemption—Special test—Registration Department.

582. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state if any officers in the Registration Department have been exempted from the special tests contemplated in S. O. No. 3;

(2) if so, will the Government be pleased to state the grounds on which such exemption has been granted;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state if there are in the afore-said department, officers who have not been exempted from S. O. No. 3, but who are eligible for such exemption on the same ground as on which others have been exempted;

(4) if so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why they have not been exempted;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of officers in the Registration Department who have been exempted from S. O. No. 1; and

(b) the reasons for such exemptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Some of the officers got their exemption under Note 2 to S. O. 3, because they had permanent appointment in the superior service on 17th March 1909, while some were specially exempted in view of their long service and experience in the department.

(3) No.

(4) No answer is necessary.

(5) (a) Twenty-six clerks.

(b) Six of these were exempted in view of their long service and experience in the department, one for the reason that he belonged to a community that was very poorly represented then in Government service and the rest to enable them to continue in the posts which they were holding before the revision.

Grant-in-aid system.

583. Mr. Joseph Petta.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them now of a change in the present system of giving grant-in-aid to the private schools of the State;

2. if so, will the Government be pleased to state the details of the new system that is proposed;

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3. will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any intention to publish the details of the proposed system in the Government Gazette so as to give the public an opportunity to offer its criticism before the Government would take a final decision on the matter ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. Yes.

2. Details have not been worked out yet.

3. Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(2) Will the Government be pleased to give some general idea of the change that is contemplated?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—To say exactly what will be the line of change we have to look the expenditure already involved, and improvements already exist and unless we know the amount of commitments to any scheme of granting aid, it is not possible to say what exactly the change will be. Alternative schemes have been already suggested to me, for instance the system of block grant which is obtained in Travancore and Mysore and with some modifications in Madras. Another proposal is to modify the existing system in respect of race but without altering the principle. More than one suggestion has been brought to my notice. I am considering both these with a view to evolve a more satisfactory system than what at present exist. One is obliged to go into the details in matters regarding the rates.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether this difference in rates is in the direction of reducing it or increasing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The suggestion is made to me with a view to reduction. It is not possible to spend more.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What percentage of reduction is suggested?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not remember the details.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether the system of block grant was prevailing in Cochin before the present system?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information. I want notice.

Personnel—Primary Education Committee.

584. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether their attention has been drawn to the criticisms made by the Sathyanadam and the Mahathi (papers published from Ernakulam and Trichur respectively) on the personnel of the Primary Education Committee recently appointed by the Government;

2. if so, whether they have taken any steps to meet the points or remedy the defects pointed out in the said criticisms?

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